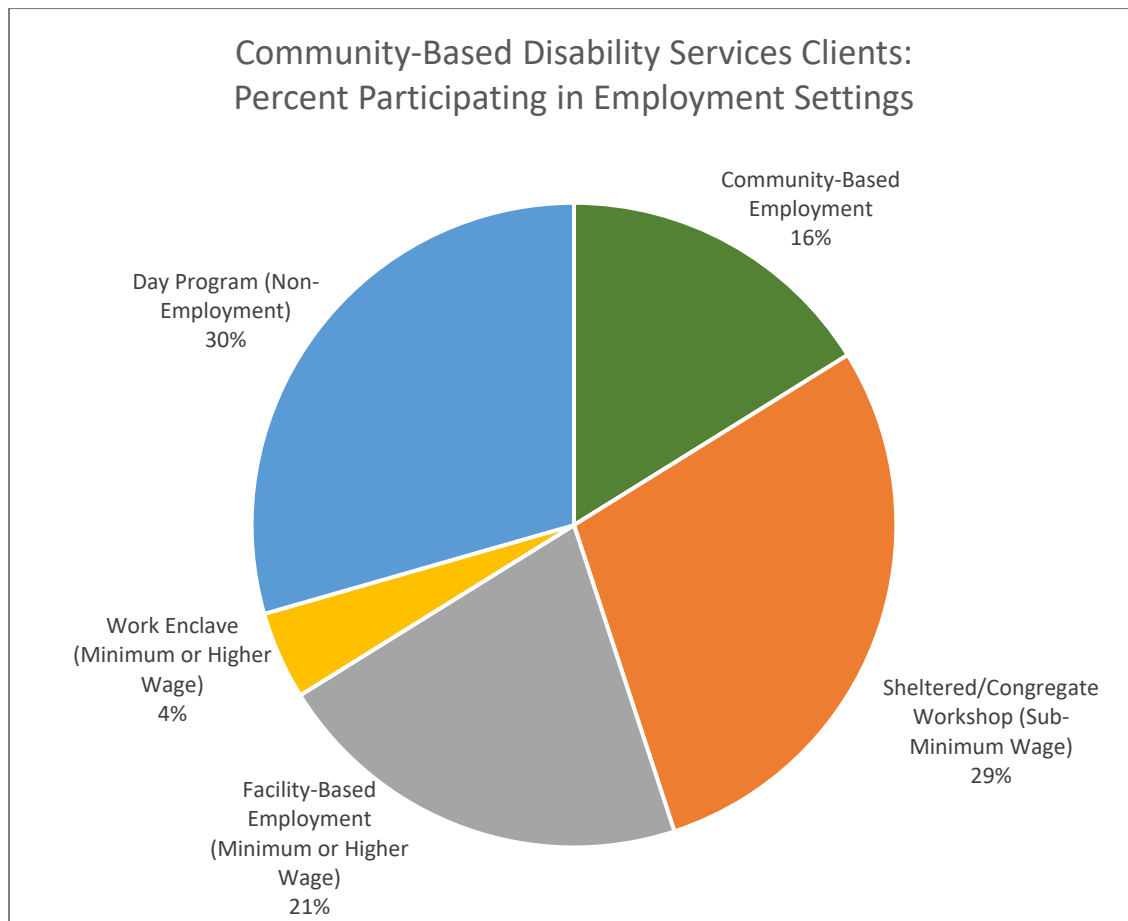


Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD)

Follow-Up to Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee Question

What percentage of clients (in DSPD) are currently receiving supports in community employment settings vs. sheltered workshop settings or congregate workshop settings?

In April 2018, there were 3,152 people receiving ongoing day or employment services from DSPD. Of those, 509 (16.1%) received supports in community employment settings based on current (as of 6/6/2018) payment records for April services. Of the 3,152 people, 908 (28.8%) are being paid less than minimum wage in a sheltered/congregate workshop settings based on a survey of providers holding sub-minimum wage certificates from the US Department of Labor. An additional estimate of 807 people (25.6%) are earning competitive (minimum or higher) wages in a facility based day program (668 people) or work enclave (139 people). The remaining 928 people (29.4%) are not earning wages while receiving day program supports.



Additionally, 160 people on the DSPD waiting list receive division funded community-based employment supports through the supported work independence program. Also, 177 people at USDC are earning sub-minimum wages in a sheltered/congregate workshop setting.